
Grassdale Estate



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Location

Tahara/Grassdale Road, GRASSDALE VIC 3302 - Property No B2804

Municipality

GLENELG SHIRE

Level of significance

Local

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 17, 2005

The Grassdale Estate is a homestead and complex of out-buildings of historical importance in the area for the early date of certain of the out-buildings whilst the homestead proper is of architectural note, both as an entity and for some of its details. Certain of the out-buildings and possibly portions of the homestead are known to have

been in existence in 1856 and the Grassdale Run dates from February 1843. The composition of the homestead itself is unusual and distinctive features include the bay window to the Drawing Room, detailed in a Regency manner, the similar window to the office and the Conservatory and barrel-vaulted roofed "arcade". The composition of the house and particularly the barrel-vaulted link between the house proper and the kitchen wing is unusual.

Grassdale, Branxholme, is a single-storied homestead and complex of associated out-buildings of unknown dates, although a number of out-buildings and possibly part of the homestead are known to have been in existence in 1856 and the homestead proper would appear to have achieved its present form by, or about, 1873. The main block of the house is asymmetrically composed with a projecting wing and part-circular bay window detailed in the Regency manner. There is along front verandah supported on timber posts and there is a second verandah running down the side of the drawing room. There are French doors to the rooms behind the main verandah. Linking the house to the kitchen wing is a glazed Conservatory, the detailing of which is distinctive and includes a "pedimented" doorway and long, barrel-vault roofed space, linking the main house to the kitchen wing. Out-buildings include a woolshed, a meathouse store and feed room (once used as a dwelling), stable, shearers' kitchen, shearers' sleeping quarters and a brick storeroom.

Grassdale, Branxholme, is understood to be reasonably intact, although the kitchen wing was partly rebuilt in 1924 to the designs of Frank Hammond, F.R.V.I.A., Architect and Surveyor of Hamilton.

First Classified 13/5/71

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Hermes Number 68130

Property Number

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